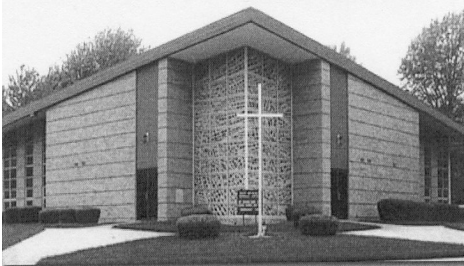


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We, the people of St. Michael's Catholic Parish, are many parts, but one body. As a community of believers in Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we celebrate the sacraments, are challenged by Sacred Scripture and Roman Catholic Tradition, share of ourselves in service to others, and strive to promote the dignity of all human life and justice for all, as we continue toward the eternal glory of God's kingdom.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

The story of the prodigal son in today's gospel is one of the most powerful stories about forgiveness and reconciliation that we can find in all of the Bible. In fact, when Pope Francis declared the Jubilee of Mercy Year in his exhortation letter, he specifically alluded to this story as his inspiration for declaring a year of mercy. The image of Israel sinning and rejecting God is repeated throughout the entire Old Testament. By the same token, the image of God as always being faithful and patient with Israel turning back to Him is even more common throughout the Old Testament.

Jesus, by using this story, is making a point about individual sin and reconciliation. Just as God loves an entire people named Israel, so too, does God love individual humanity. In the story, the father runs out to embrace and welcome back his wayward son. This is the hope of every single one of us; that God is a merciful father who patiently awaits our return to him because of our sins. We are reassured of God's open arms in the sacrament of reconciliation. We are reassured of God's open arms in the sacrament of healing. At the Mass, God is continually inviting us to come to his great banquet in Heaven. God is infinitely patient with us, like the prodigal son in the gospel. Do we have the humility and courage to come back to God in sorrow for our sins?

*Peace
Fr. John*

Growing In Faith?: How do I share mercy with others?

The Saints In Mercy — by Fr. Antonio Sicari, O.C.D.

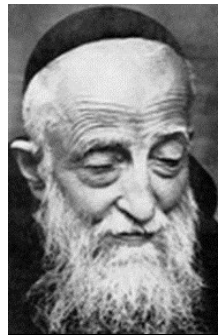
"Ministers of Mercy"

Leopold Mandic had much to say about God's infinite forgiveness of our sins:

"You see, He himself gave us an example! We did not die for souls; instead it was He who shed His divine blood. We must treat souls as He taught us by His example."

If the Crucifix were to scold me for being 'too lenient,' I would say in return: 'It was you who gave me this bad example, Lord! For I have yet to arrive at the madness of dying for souls.'

We must constantly proclaim to every Christian: the mystery of the redemption is for you, for your own need for salvation, for your own destiny! And the Sacrament of Reconciliation is where you can personally participate in the Passion of Christ: first with the knowledge of having crucified the Lord of life (confession of sins), then with gratitude, thanksgiving, and adoration (forgiveness). And here is where the blood shed by Jesus on the cross descends directly on your soul.



St. Leopold Mandic

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016

Lord, open my lips and my mouth
shall proclaim your praise!



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4:00 P.M. Saturday or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Is celebrated by request. Notify the office.

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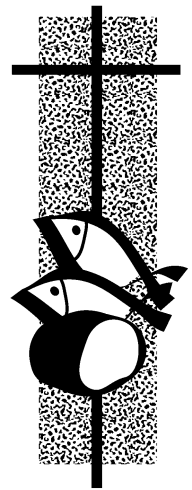
Contact the office to set a date.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Wedding dates are set after
an initial interview with Fr. John.

Calendar for the Week of September 12 - 18

Monday	Sept. 12	—	No Mass
Tuesday	Sept. 13	8:15 am	Mass in memory of Fr. James Kiernan
		6:00 pm	Finance Council in Parish Office Meeting Room
		7:00 pm	Pastoral Council in Parish Office Meeting Room
Wednesday	Sept. 14	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Ken Kuster and Greg Taylor
		6:30 pm	Faith Formation Opening Ceremonies for all Families
		6:30 pm	Guild Executive Board in Parish Office Meeting Room
Thursday	Sept. 15	7:00 am	Scripture Study in Parish Office Meeting Room
		12:00 noon	Mass in memory of Russ Lefeber, Lois Goetzinger & Jason Nielsen
Friday	Sept. 16	8:15 am	School Mass in memory of Ole Olson and Mary Ann Kenkel
Saturday	Sept. 17	4:00 pm	Confessions
		4:30 pm	Rosary
		5:00 pm	Mass in memory of Vince & Norma Krantz and James Tepe
Sunday	Sept. 18	8:30 am	Mass in memory of Ed & Clea Brinker and in memory of Betty Kohles and for her family
		9:30-11:00 am	Welcome Breakfast in Rosman Parish Center
		11:00 am	Mass for the people of St. Michael's
		6:00 pm	Spanish Mass



Sunday Mass is televised on cable TV (HMU Channel 15 at 4:00 pm on Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday, on Mediacom Channel 18 at 4:00 pm on Monday, and on FMCTC Channel 48 at 4:00 pm on Monday and Friday.) Sunday Mass is also available on demand by accessing the Harlan Knights of Columbus channel on YouTube.

May God Bless — Anne Weir and Sam Schechinger who were married at St. Michael's last weekend.

We Welcome These Children — baptized last weekend, Ava Jo Connolly and Sawyer Grace Connolly daughters of Austin and Audrey (Schechinger) Connolly.

Second Collection Next Weekend — Bishop Pates has joined Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in calling for a special collection to help those in Louisiana who are suffering from the massive floods which have impacted that area. The stories of individuals and families who have lost everything are heart-wrenching. Bishop Pates is calling us to reach out to those in need and thanks us for our generosity to this collection.

September Sign-Up — This is the time of year we recruit new ministers. With three weekly Masses, we are always in need of more lectors and eucharistic ministers. We also are looking for more people to help take communion to our shut-ins on Sunday mornings. Schedules will soon be prepared for ushers and money counters. If you can help with any of these ministries, please sign the appropriate sheet on the table in the back of church. Training sessions will be set around your schedule as much as possible. Please consider serving your parish with one of these ministries. We need your help. If we can train more people, it will lighten the load for those already serving.

Music Ministers Also Needed — If you can play the piano, organ, guitar or cantor, please consider helping us out. Just once a month would be a big help! A round of applause to the great set of musicians and singers that we already have. You are truly appreciated!

Remember The Sick In Your Prayers And By Your Notes Or Visits —

Trent Smith	Violet Bohr	Jose Leal
Gary Kenkel	Edgar Tunender	Martha Anastasi
Gordon Nelson	Jenny Schwery	Curt Coenen
Eilene Thorell	David Updike	Alice Carey
Kathy Carl	Arden Riley	Bonnie Peterson
Rusty Buckley	Kenny Kenkel	Ray Chipman

Please call the office with names of those who are sick, or in need of our prayers. And please call when their names can be removed.

Readings For The Week —

Mon.	12th	1Cor 11:17-26, 33	Lk 7:1-10
Tue.	13th	1Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a	Lk 7:11-17
Wed.	14th	Nm 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11	Jn 3:13-17
Thur.	15th	1Cor 15:1-11	Jn 19:25-27
Fri.	16th	1Cor 15:12-20	Lk 8:1-3
Sun.	18th	Am 8:4-7 1Tm 2:1-8	Lk 16:1-13

Tithing — September 4	\$ 6,601
Needed each week	7,308
Difference	(707)
	() if deficit
Year to date	\$ (3,809)

Knights Of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive — will be the weekends of September 24-25 and October 1-2. All proceeds from this drive will help people with intellectual disabilities. Donations will be made to Concerned, Inc. in Harlan and to the Iowa Special Olympics.

Food Pantry Collection — resulted in \$289 plus many toiletry and food items. Thanks for giving to those in need in our community.



St. Michael's Faith Formation

WE ARE FAMILY!

- Faith Formation Opening Celebration with Families September 14 6:30-8:00 pm in Rosman Parish Center
- September 21 6:30-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes

New Faith Formation Families — must fill out a registration form that is available at the back of church. We can also mail one to you if you call the office, or you can stop by the office to fill out the form and pay. Please register before September 14.

Fall Registration For Faith Formation — If you did not preregister last spring, please call the office to update your information and pay the fee of \$30 per child or \$110 maximum per family.

Catechists Are Still Needed — Please consider the future of the Church. **WE NEED FAITHFUL WITNESSES TO OUR FAITH!** We are called to "Go and Make Disciples"! Just two hours a week will change the life of our youth. All parishioners are asked to consider this important ministry. We need help in Grades 5 and 9. Call Veronica at 755-5366.

Flames — will be singing at the 11:00 Mass next Sunday, September 18. The music will start about 15 minutes before Mass. Come and worship with our youth as they lead the music for our liturgy.

Candidates for RCIA — RCIA is the process by which adults join the Catholic Church. You may know someone who has indicated an interest in joining the Catholic Church. Encourage them to call the parish to get connected or give us a call and we will follow up on it. RCIA can also be for those who have never been confirmed. Meetings will begin soon. Thanks for your help in identifying possible candidates.

Harvest Festival Is Coming — Sunday, October 9 — Staley's Chicken — Raffle Items — Mark the date on your calendar.



Jubilee Year Of Mercy — On September 4, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was canonized as a Saint. The prayer for Mother Teresa's canonization refers to her as "carrier of Christ's mercy and love," befitting not only the holy woman, but the Year of Mercy as well.



Vocations Corner

It Is Really God Himself — the 'Lord of the harvest' who chooses his laborers. His call is always undeserved and unexpected. We are called to cooperate with his providence and to use the powerful tool which he has placed in our hands: prayer. Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest!"

Area Events —

- **Alzheimer's Support Group** will meet Monday, September 12, at 3:00 pm at the Harlan Senior Center located within the Therkildsen Activity Center.
- **Catholic Daughters Court of St. Katherine** will meet Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall in Earling. There will be an update on Nicaragua, and we will plan our Circle of Love projects. Bring along your ideas.
- **Fifteen-Decade Rosary for Life** will be Sunday, September 18, 1:30-2:30 pm at St. Boniface in Westphalia.
- **Mobile Food Pantry** will be in Harlan Monday, September 19, at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, 4:30-6:30 pm. The mobile food pantry is free of charge and no documentation is needed. Please bring boxes or bags to carry food.
- **St. Patrick's Parish in Walnut** is hosting their annual fall dinner on Sunday, September 25, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. A Staley's chicken dinner will be served. Cost for adults is \$10.
- **St. Patrick's Parish in Neola** is hosting their annual parish dinner on Sunday, September 25, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. A roast beef dinner with homemade desserts will be served. Cost for adults is \$10. Raffle drawings will be held.

The National Life Chain — is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life witness in the world. More than 1,500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 2. Participants will stand in silent prayer demonstrating the importance of protecting the lives of preborn children. Join us on Sunday, October 2, from 1:30-2:30 pm near the Harlan Auto Mart. Bring a lawn chair and water if you would like. Signs will be provided.

Need A Ride — to the Christ Our Life Conference? The Hispanic Community will provide bus transportation. Call Orlando 240-0624.

Ministry Schedule

Sept. 17-18	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 11:00 a.m.
1st Lector	Kathy Hull	Tom Schmitz	Kara Rueschenberg
2nd Lector	Steve Finn	Brent Scheve	Miguel Mena
Eucharistic Ministers	Shayla Leinen (T) Connie Kohles Marvin Bissen Jan Blum Kathy Hull Joe Klein Jane Klein	Mary Jane Swanson (T) Doug Baker Mary Baker J.C. Salvo Brent Scheve Nancy Jacobs Ed Reinig	Joni Larsen (T) Michelle Custer Brian Gubbels Pam Gubbels Gary Weihs Diane Weihs Rachel Blum
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Cantors		Sarah Schumacher	Flames
Ushers	Joann Kenkel Mick Schmidt Lin Brinker Gerry Fremi	Gary Dozler Spencer Dozler Maxine Kwapiszeski Chuck Buhman	Orlando Gil John Murtaugh Tom Murtaugh Tom Lawler
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